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NCAC Football Report

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WABASH AND WITTENBERG EARN NCAA TOURNEY BIDS; LITTLE GIANTS TO HOST MACMURRAY SATURDAY

CLEVELAND -- North Coast Athletic Conference champion Wabash (10-0) has earned its second NCAA Division III playoff bid and will host MacMurray (10-0) on Saturday. The Little Giants last appeared in the tournament in 1977, when they fell, 39-36, to Widener in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl. Wabash has a 2-1 record in the NCAA Tournament.

The Little Giants will be joined in the tournament by Wittenberg (6-1, 9-1). The Tigers will travel to Hanover (10-0) on Saturday. The Tigers won national championships in 1973 and 1975, and are 16-8 in their 10 previous Div. III playoff appearances. Wittenberg also won the 1969 championship in the College Division (pre-Div. III) with a 27-21 win over William Jewell, bumping its overall postseason record to 17-8.

Should both Wabash and Wittenberg win on Saturday, the two teams would meet on November 30 in the second round of the tournament. It would be the second meeting between the two teams this season. On October 12, the Little Giants slipped past the Tigers, 46-43 in overtime, at Wittenberg. This playoff matchup would likely be held in Crawfordsville.

The tournament quarterfinals will be held on December 7 with the semifinals on December 14; the 30th Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl game is set for Dec. 21 in Salem, Va.

Wabash, which defeated DePauw in the 109th Monon Bell game, 35-7, last week, secured its first NCAC championship in any sport with a victory over Hiram on Nov. 9. Wittenberg, which edged Wooster, 14-9 last week to secure second place in the NCAC, owns seven league titles since joining the NCAC in 1989. Allegheny lead all teams with eight championships. Denison has two; Case Western Reserve, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan, Wabash and Wooster each have one championship to their name.

Allegheny (4-3, 5-5) closed their 2002 season with a 30-16 win over Ohio Wesleyan to finish tied with Earlham (4-3, 4-6) for fourth place. The Bishops' (3-4, 5-5) loss dropped them into a tie with Oberlin (3-4, 3-7) for sixth. Oberlin's three wins give the Yeomen their best finish since the 1989 team went 4-6. Last week, Earlham defeated Hiram 28-3, while the Yeomen edged Denison, 30-22. The Big Red end the season in eighth place.

This Week's Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 23

NCAA DIVISION III TOURNAMENT
MacMurray at WABASH, 12:00 *
WITTENBERG at Hanover, 12:00 *

* all times local

Last Week's Results

Saturday, Nov. 16

ALLEGHENY 30, OHIO WESLEYAN 16
EARLHAM 28, HIRAM 3
OBERLIN 30, DENISON 22
WABASH 35, DePauw 7
WITTENBERG 14, WOOSTER 9

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CLEVELAND -- Wittenberg senior **Daniel Grove (Uhrichsville, Ohio/Claymont)** and Oberlin freshman **Vance Murphy (Pataskala, OH/Watkins Memorial)** have been named offensive and defensive "Players of the Week" for their performances last week in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

Grove, a 5-8,200-pound tailback, playing his first game since breaking two bones in his foot five weeks ago, posted 212 yards on 34 carries. It was Grove's second 200-yard rushing day in 2002 and his fourth in the last two seasons. He finishes the season with 929 yards and 16 touchdowns on 129 carries in just six games.

Murphy, a 6-3, 190-pound linebacker, led the Yeomen defense with nine total tackles. He also racked up three pass deflections and a 36-yard touchdown on an interception return early in the third quarter.

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2002 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Allegheny College (4-3; 5-5)

S. 7	Baldwin-Wallace	L, 2-22
S. 14	Wash. & Jefferson	W, 28-25
S. 28	at Westminster	L, 13-24
O. 5	at Wabash	L, 14-24
O. 12	Hiram	W, 56-0
O. 19	Wooster	L, 7-21
O. 26	at Denison	W, 50-16
N. 2	at Wittenberg	L, 3-49
N. 9	Earlham	W, 28-7
N. 16	at Ohio Wesleyan	W, 30-16

Denison University (2-5; 2-8)

S. 7	Waynesburg	L, 7-27
S. 14	Case Western Reserve	L, 13-42
S. 21	at Ohio Wesleyan *	L, 20-38
O. 5	at Wittenberg	L 7-53
O. 12	Kenyon	W, 41-7
O. 20	at Earlham	L, 0-35
O. 26	Allegheny	L, 16-50
N. 2	at Hiram	W, 14-0
N. 9	Wooster	L, 7-56
N. 16	at Oberlin	L, 22-30

Earlham College (4-3; 4-6)

S. 7	at Rose-Hulman	L, 0-23
S. 14	at Manchester	L, 7-17
S. 21	Wabash *	L, 7-44
O. 5	at Kenyon	W, 49-19
O. 12	Ohio Wesleyan	L, 14-21
O. 19	Denison	W, 35-0
O. 26	at Wooster	L, 20-49
N. 2	Oberlin	W, 28-21
N. 9	at Allegheny	L, 7-28
N. 16	Hiram	W, 28-3

Hiram College (0-7; 0-10)

S. 7	Grove City	L, 7-30
S. 21	at Bluffton	L, 0-45
S. 14	at Mt. St. Joseph	L, 0-51
S. 28	at Oberlin	L, 14-35
O. 12	at Allegheny	L, 0-56
O. 19	Wittenberg	L, 0-77
O. 26	at Kenyon	L, 10-22
N. 2	Denison	L, 0-14
N. 9	Wabash	L, 7-54
N. 16	at Earlham	L, 3-28

Kenyon College (1-6; 1-9)

S. 7	at Centre	L, 15-38
S. 14	at Bethany	L, 7-55
S. 21	Kalamazoo	L, 6-53
S. 28	Wabash	L, 0-58
O. 5	Earlham	L, 19-49
O. 12	at Denison	L, 7-41
O. 19	Oberlin	L, 17-56
O. 26	Hiram	W, 22-10
N. 2	at Ohio Wesleyan	L, 3-42
N. 9	at Wittenberg	L, 0-79

Oberlin College (3-4; 3-7)

S. 7	Franklin & Marshall	L, 14-26
S. 21	at Case Western Reserve	L, 11-37
S. 28	Hiram	W, 35-14
O. 5	Frostburg State	L, 14-48
O. 12	at Wooster	L, 10-49
O. 19	at Kenyon	W, 56-17
O. 26	Wabash	L, 6-51
N. 2	at Earlham	L, 21-28
N. 9	Ohio Wesleyan	L, 13-14
N. 16	Denison	W, 30-22

Ohio Wesleyan University (3-4; 5-5)

S. 14	at Olivet	W, 25-21
S. 21	Denison *	W, 38-20
S. 28	at Albion	L, 0-16
O. 5	Wooster	L, 14-37
O. 12	at Earlham	W, 21-14
O. 19	at Wabash	L, 7-27
O. 26	Wittenberg	L, 17-58
N. 2	Kenyon	W, 42-3
N. 9	at Oberlin	W, 14-13
N. 16	Allegheny	L, 16-30

Wabash College (7-0; 10-0)

S. 14	Kalamazoo	W, 27-20
S. 21	at Earlham *	W, 44-7
S. 28	at Kenyon	W, 58-0
O. 5	Allegheny	W, 24-14
O. 12	at Wittenberg	W, 46-43 (OT)
O. 19	Ohio Wesleyan	W, 27-7
O. 26	at Oberlin	W, 51-6
N. 2	Wooster	W, 42-22
N. 9	at Hiram	W, 54-7
N. 16	DePauw	W, 35-7

Wittenberg University (6-1; 9-1)

S. 7	Albion	W, 44-7
S. 14	at Urbana	W, 37-10
S. 28	at Thomas More	W, 31-6
O. 5	Denison	W, 53-7
O. 12	Wabash	L, 43-46 (OT)
O. 19	at Hiram	W, 77-0
O. 26	at Ohio Wesleyan	W, 58-17
N. 2	Allegheny	W, 49-3
N. 9	Kenyon	W, 79-0
N. 16	at Wooster	W, 14-9

College of Wooster (5-2; 8-2)

S. 7	at Hope	W, 14-9
S. 21	Bethany	W, 38-28
S. 28	Case Western Reserve	W, 27-22
S. 5	at Ohio Wesleyan	W, 37-14
O. 12	Oberlin	W, 49-10
O. 19	at Allegheny	W, 21-7
O. 26	Earlham	W, 49-20
O. 2	at Wabash	L, 22-42
N. 9	at Denison	W, 56-7
N. 16	Wittenberg	L, 9-14

GRID NOTEBOOK:

The North Coast is one of six conferences with two teams ranked in the AFCA Division III Coaches Poll. The current edition of the poll (Nov. 12) lists Wabash ninth. Wittenberg follows in the 11th spot, up one position from last week. Wooster also received votes this week ... Earlham senior running back **Darrian Story (Kokomo, IN/Kokomo)** rushed for 134 yards and broke the Quaker career rushing record against Hiram (2,614). Story also scored two touchdowns ... Hiram freshman **Jim Shamshak (Hartville, OH/Waterloo)** returned three kickoffs for 177 yards, including one for 82 yards which set up Hiram's only score ... Ohio Wesleyan senior **Jason Osborne (Oak Harbor, OH/Oak Harbor)** led the Bishops with 76 yards on 18 rushes. He also made five catches for eight yards ... The Wabash-DePauw rivalry is now tied at 50-50-9. Wabash finishes the regular season with a 10-0 record for the first time since the 1982 Little Giants went 10-0. It was the first time that Wabash won a Monon Bell Game at home since 1994. Senior tight end **Ryan Short (Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian)** hauled in seven receptions for 80 yards, four TDs and one two-point conversion catch. His four TD catches give him 16 this season, setting a Wabash and NCAC single season record ... Late in the game against Wooster, Wittenberg senior linebacker **Dustin Goldsbury (Columbus, Ohio/Ready)** came clean on a blitz to sack Scot QB **Jeff Spraggins (Garfield Hts., OH/Garfield Hts.)**, force a fumble and then recover it as well. Wittenberg then ran out most of the clock. Goldsbury, the team's leading tackler, finished with seven stops, including two for a total loss of 13 yards. Wittenberg broke two school and NCAC offensive records. The Tigers broke the record for total points in a season (485) and points-after-touchdowns in a season (57) ... Wooster sophomore linebacker **Tim Cline (Mt. Vernon, OH/Mt. Vernon)** registered a game-high 17 tackles against Wittenberg.

* non-conference

2002 North Coast Athletic Conference Football Standings (Through games of Nov 16, 2002)

Team	NCAC					Points			Overall					Points		
	W	L	T	For	Opp	Pct	W	L	T	For	Opp	Pct				
1. Wabash.....	7	0	0	302	99	1.000	10	0	0	408	133	1.000				
2. Wittenberg.....	6	1	0	373	82	.857	9	1	0	485	105	.900				
3. Wooster.....	5	2	0	243	114	.714	8	2	0	322	173	.800				
4. Allegheny.....	4	3	0	188	133	.571	5	5	0	231	204	.500				
Earlham.....	4	3	0	181	141	.571	4	6	0	195	225	.400				
6. Ohio Wesleyan.....	3	4	0	131	182	.429	5	5	0	194	239	.500				
Oberlin.....	3	4	0	171	195	.429	3	7	0	202	293	.300				
8. Denison.....	2	5	0	107	231	.286	2	8	0	147	339	.200				
9. Kenyon.....	1	6	0	68	335	.143	1	9	0	96	481	.100				
10. Hiram.....	0	7	0	34	286	.000	0	10	0	41	412	.000				

2002 North Coast Athletic Conference Team Football Statistics (Through games of Nov 16, 2002)

SCORING OFFENSE	G	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg
Wittenberg.....	10	68	57	1	0	6	0	485	48.5
Wabash.....	10	55	44	4	0	8	1	408	40.8
Wooster.....	10	44	39	2	0	5	0	322	32.2
Allegheny.....	10	32	24	1	0	3	2	231	23.1
Oberlin.....	10	25	17	0	0	11	1	202	20.2
Earlham.....	10	28	27	0	0	0	0	195	19.5
Ohio Wesleyan.....	10	27	24	0	0	2	1	194	19.4
Denison.....	10	21	14	1	0	1	1	147	14.7
Kenyon.....	10	13	6	0	0	4	0	96	9.6
Hiram.....	10	5	5	0	0	2	0	41	4.1

RUSHING OFFENSE	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Wittenberg.....	10	416	2423	5.8	44	242.3
Wooster.....	10	483	2357	4.9	22	235.7
Ohio Wesleyan.....	10	499	2274	4.6	19	227.4
Wabash.....	10	388	1722	4.4	18	172.2
Earlham.....	10	414	1645	4.0	19	164.5
Allegheny.....	10	368	1484	4.0	13	148.4
Oberlin.....	10	426	1449	3.4	10	144.9
Hiram.....	10	316	785	2.5	2	78.5
Kenyon.....	10	355	683	1.9	8	68.3
Denison.....	10	298	549	1.8	5	54.9

SCORING DEFENSE	G	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg
Wittenberg.....	10	13	10	1	0	5	0	105	10.5
Wabash.....	10	17	12	2	0	5	0	133	13.3
Wooster.....	10	24	14	3	0	3	0	173	17.3
Allegheny.....	10	27	22	0	0	6	1	204	20.4
Earlham.....	10	31	26	1	0	3	1	225	22.5
Ohio Wesleyan.....	10	32	23	2	0	6	1	239	23.9
Oberlin.....	10	40	36	0	0	5	1	293	29.3
Denison.....	10	48	42	0	0	3	0	339	33.9
Hiram.....	10	57	46	0	0	8	0	412	41.2
Kenyon.....	10	66	56	1	0	9	0	481	48.1

RUSHING DEFENSE	G	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Yds/G
Wabash.....	10	326	612	1.9	4	61.2
Wittenberg.....	10	350	845	2.4	6	84.5
Allegheny.....	10	401	1394	3.5	12	139.4
Wooster.....	10	363	1503	4.1	10	150.3
Oberlin.....	10	396	1614	4.1	19	161.4
Earlham.....	10	441	1798	4.1	18	179.8
Ohio Wesleyan.....	10	416	1859	4.5	21	185.9
Denison.....	10	476	2386	5.0	27	238.6
Hiram.....	10	524	2563	4.9	32	256.3
Kenyon.....	10	427	2805	6.6	31	280.5

PASS OFFENSE	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Wabash.....	10	335	192	9	57.3	2481	7.4	31	248.1
Wittenberg.....	10	254	159	6	62.6	2199	8.7	18	219.9
Denison.....	10	396	189	21	47.7	1948	4.9	15	194.8
Oberlin.....	10	257	123	12	47.9	1752	6.8	13	175.2
Wooster.....	10	204	102	11	50.0	1618	7.9	19	161.8
Allegheny.....	10	247	133	8	53.8	1543	6.2	16	154.3
Kenyon.....	10	329	156	14	47.4	1339	4.1	5	133.9
Ohio Wesleyan.....	10	240	116	10	48.3	1307	5.4	7	130.7
Earlham.....	10	246	119	11	48.4	1151	4.7	6	115.1
Hiram.....	10	236	91	29	38.6	589	2.5	2	58.9

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Yds/G
Wittenberg.....	10	2423	2199	670	4622	6.9	62	462.2
Wabash.....	10	1722	2481	723	4203	5.8	49	420.3
Wooster.....	10	2357	1618	687	3975	5.8	41	397.5
Ohio Wesleyan.....	10	2274	1307	739	3581	4.8	26	358.1
Oberlin.....	10	1449	1752	683	3201	4.7	23	320.1
Allegheny.....	10	1484	1543	615	3027	4.9	29	302.7
Earlham.....	10	1645	1151	660	2796	4.2	25	279.6
Denison.....	10	549	1948	694	2497	3.6	20	249.7
Kenyon.....	10	683	1339	684	2022	3.0	13	202.2
Hiram.....	10	785	589	552	1374	2.5	4	137.4

PASS DEFENSE	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Wittenberg.....	10	306	139	15	45.4	1409	4.6	7	140.9
Ohio Wesleyan.....	10	233	111	12	47.6	1439	6.2	11	143.9
Earlham.....	10	260	126	8	48.5	1482	5.7	13	148.2
Hiram.....	10	218	127	11	58.3	1631	7.5	20	163.1
Wabash.....	10	355	165	21	46.5	1701	4.8	12	170.1
Wooster.....	10	320	151	7	47.2	1816	5.7	13	181.6
Allegheny.....	10	270	155	14	57.4	1855	6.9	12	185.5
Oberlin.....	10	277	142	13	51.3	1886	6.8	18	188.6
Kenyon.....	10	233	138	13	59.2	2055	8.8	27	205.5
Denison.....	10	273	158	13	57.9	2080	7.6	18	208.0

TOTAL DEFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Plys	Yards	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Wittenberg.....	10	845	1409	656	2254	3.4	13	225.4
Wabash.....	10	612	1701	681	2313	3.4	16	231.3
Allegheny.....	10	1394	1855	671	3249	4.8	24	324.9
Earlham.....	10	1798	1482	701	3280	4.7	31	328.0
Ohio Wesleyan.....	10	1859	1439	649	3298	5.1	32	329.8
Wooster.....	10	1503	1816	683	3319	4.9	23	331.9
Oberlin.....	10	1614	1886	673	3500	5.2	37	350.0
Hiram.....	10	2563	1631	742	4194	5.7	52	419.4
Denison.....	10	2386	2080	749	4466	6.0	45	446.6
Kenyon.....	10	2805	2055	660	4860	7.4	58	486.0

KICKOFF RETURNS	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
Wabash.....	10	24	745	2	31.0
Wittenberg.....	10	20	415	0	20.8
Allegheny.....	10	35	722	1	20.6
Oberlin.....	10	47	939	0	20.0
Earlham.....	10	41	782	0	19.1
Wooster.....	10	28	534	0	19.1
Hiram.....	10	63	996	0	15.8
Denison.....	10	57	844	0	14.8
Kenyon.....	10	74	1075	0	14.5
Ohio Wesleyan.....	10	35	507	0	14.5

PUNT RETURNS	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
Wittenberg.....	10	38	479	3	12.6
Wooster.....	10	37	439	1	11.9
Allegheny.....	10	15	170	0	11.3
Wabash.....	10	32	317	1	9.9
Earlham.....	10	27	236	1	8.7
Oberlin.....	10	22	187	0	8.5
Hiram.....	10	7	42	0	6.0
Denison.....	10	31	164	1	5.3
Ohio Wesleyan.....	10	27	128	0	4.7
Kenyon.....	10	11	46	0	4.2

PUNTING	G	No.	Yards	Avg	Ret	Yds	Avg	Net/P
Earlham.....	10	64	2322	36.3	21	130	2.0	34.2
Wittenberg.....	10	33	1164	35.3	10	85	2.6	32.7
Wooster.....	10	49	1730	35.3	23	153	3.1	32.2
Allegheny.....	10	60	2246	37.4	29	330	5.5	31.9
Oberlin.....	10	63	2205	35.0	33	273	4.3	30.7
Ohio Wesleyan.....	10	48	1648	34.3	24	205	4.3	30.1
Wabash.....	10	53	1683	31.8	18	93	1.8	30.0
Denison.....	10	77	2652	34.4	32	409	5.3	29.1
Kenyon.....	10	89	2877	32.3	48	511	5.7	26.6
Hiram.....	10	79	2794	35.4	50	721	9.1	26.2

PASS EFFICIENCY	G	Att	Cmp	Pct	Int	Yds	TD	Effic
Wittenberg.....	10	254	159	.626	6	2199	18	154.0
Wabash.....	10	335	192	.573	9	2481	31	144.7
Wooster.....	10	204	102	.500	11	1618	19	136.6
Allegheny.....	10	247	133	.538	8	1543	16	121.2
Oberlin.....	10	257	123	.479	12	1752	13	112.5
Ohio Wesleyan.....								

2002 North Coast Athletic Conference Individual Football Statistics (Through games of Nov 17, 2002)

RUSHING	Team	Cl	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Tony Sutton.....	WOO	SO	9	215	1418	6.6	15	157.6
Daniel Grove.....	WIT	SR	7	129	930	7.2	16	132.9
Chris Morris.....	WAB	JR	9	183	1135	6.2	13	126.1
Jason Osborne.....	OWU	SR	6	88	570	6.5	2	95.0
Jamie Sye.....	ALL	SO	10	153	763	5.0	6	76.3
Tim Anderson.....	HIR	FR	10	191	757	4.0	2	75.7
Darrian Story.....	ERL	SR	10	130	734	5.6	10	73.4
Scott Jones.....	WOO	SR	10	153	710	4.6	7	71.0
Calvin Hatfield.....	KEN	SO	10	197	709	3.6	4	70.9
Travis Oman.....	OBE	SO	10	159	658	4.1	4	65.8

INTERCEPTIONS	Team	Cl	G	Int	Yds	TD	Int/G
Aaron Rose.....	DEN	SO	10	5	38	0	0.50
Dustin Deno.....	WAB	SO	10	5	31	0	0.50
Ryan McCarty.....	OWU	FR	10	5	23	0	0.50
Alexi Whitney.....	KEN	FR	9	4	67	0	0.44
Ben Franz.....	OBE	JR	10	4	50	0	0.40
Stu Johnson.....	WAB	JR	10	4	32	0	0.40
Kirk Rhoades.....	ALL	SR	10	4	20	0	0.40
Jeremy Carpenter....	ERL	SO	10	4	11	0	0.40
Mark Lengel.....	OBE	JR	10	4	4	0	0.40
Casey Elkins.....	WAB	FR	8	3	31	0	0.38

PASSING AVG/GAME	Team	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Avg/G
Jake Knott.....	WAB	SR	10	304	175	6	57.6	2328	31	232.8
Greg Cornett.....	WIT	SR	10	222	142	5	64.0	1986	16	198.6
Jeff Spraggins.....	WOO	SR	10	199	100	10	50.3	1609	19	160.9
Chris Moffatt.....	OBE	SR	10	217	106	9	48.8	1522	11	152.2
Bubba Smith.....	ALL	JR	10	245	131	8	53.5	1514	15	151.4
John Stoll.....	DEN	SO	8	225	108	11	48.0	1159	11	144.9
Brad Noojin.....	KEN	JR	10	298	143	13	48.0	1147	4	114.7
Jeff Hanna.....	OWU	SO	10	194	97	5	50.0	988	4	98.8
Larry Cappelto.....	DEN	FR	7	133	65	6	48.9	655	4	93.6
Justin Rummell.....	ERL	FR	10	165	85	7	51.5	918	6	91.8

PASS EFFICIENCY	Team	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Eff.
Kurt Forrest.....	WIT	JR	9	13	9	0	69.2	103	1	161.2
Greg Cornett.....	WIT	SR	10	222	142	5	64.0	1986	16	158.4
Jake Knott.....	WAB	SR	10	304	175	6	57.6	2328	31	151.6
Jeff Spraggins.....	WOO	SR	10	199	100	10	50.3	1609	19	139.6
Bubba Smith.....	ALL	JR	10	245	131	8	53.5	1514	15	119.1
Chris Moffatt.....	OBE	SR	10	217	106	9	48.8	1522	11	116.2
Ryan Holmes.....	WIT	SO	7	16	8	1	50.0	110	1	115.9
Justin Rummell.....	ERL	FR	10	165	85	7	51.5	918	6	101.8
John Stoll.....	DEN	SO	8	225	108	11	48.0	1159	11	97.6
Jeff Hanna.....	OWU	SO	10	194	97	5	50.0	988	4	94.4

TOTAL OFFENSE	Team	Cl	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	Yds/G
Jake Knott.....	WAB	SR	10	228	2328	381	2556	255.6
Greg Cornett.....	WIT	SR	10	0	1986	241	1986	198.6
Bubba Smith.....	ALL	JR	10	220	1514	333	1734	173.4
Chris Moffatt.....	OBE	SR	10	127	1522	311	1649	164.9
Tony Sutton.....	WOO	SO	9	1418	0	215	1418	157.6
Jeff Spraggins.....	WOO	SR	10	-43	1609	231	1566	156.6
John Stoll.....	DEN	SO	8	-18	1159	258	1141	142.6
Daniel Grove.....	WIT	SR	7	930	0	129	930	132.9
Chris Morris.....	WAB	JR	9	1135	0	183	1135	126.1
Brad Noojin.....	KEN	JR	10	-94	1147	365	1053	105.3

PUNT RETURN AVG	Team	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
Mike Freeman.....	WIT	FR	6	10	212	1	21.2
Nick Hajjar.....	WOO	SR	10	37	439	1	11.9
Josh Bronaugh.....	WAB	JR	10	21	231	0	11.0
Jon Turner.....	ALL	JR	10	11	120	0	10.9
Chad Kutting.....	OBE	FR	10	13	118	0	9.1
Jason Stephan.....	WIT	SR	9	21	183	1	8.7
Jeremy Carpenter....	ERL	SO	10	15	127	0	8.5
Dustin Deno.....	WAB	SO	10	10	73	0	7.3
Jarrod Stoudt.....	DEN	FR	9	19	97	0	5.1
Brian Gamble.....	OWU	SO	10	21	103	0	4.9

RECEPTIONS/GAME	Team	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/C	Rec/G
Ryan Short.....	WAB	SR	10	56	576	16	10.3	5.60
Brendan McNamar.....	KEN		10	47	375	2	8.0	4.70
Ryan Hite.....	DEN	SR	9	41	475	4	11.6	4.56
Scott Barker.....	OBE	SO	10	44	714	6	16.2	4.40
Skip Ivery.....	WIT	JR	10	42	711	6	16.9	4.20
Josh Jirgens.....	DEN	SR	10	40	577	9	14.4	4.00
Jon Turner.....	ALL	JR	10	38	430	3	11.3	3.80
Frank Roe.....	DEN	FR	10	38	374	0	9.8	3.80
Jered Glover.....	WIT	FR	10	37	528	4	14.3	3.70
Brandon Clifton.....	WAB	SO	10	35	687	4	19.6	3.50

KICK RETURN AVG	Team	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
Josh Bronaugh.....	WAB	JR	10	14	482	1	34.4
Vinnie Hachigia.....	OBE	SO	9	9	273	0	30.3
Brian Woods.....	ALL	JR	10	11	327	1	29.7
Tim Herrod.....	ERL	SO	9	14	336	0	24.0
Jim Shamshak.....	HIR	FR	9	12	274	0	22.8
Nick Hajjar.....	WOO	SR	10	14	308	0	22.0
Jon Turner.....	ALL	JR	10	11	232	0	21.1
Travis Oman.....	OBE	SO	10	13	274	0	21.1
Matt Carducci.....	OWU	FR	10	12	234	0	19.5
Josh Jirgens.....	DEN	SR	10	33	635	0	19.2

RECEIVE YDS/GAME	Team	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/C	Yds/G
Scott Barker.....	OBE	SO	10	44	714	6	16.2	71.4
Skip Ivery.....	WIT	JR	10	42	711	6	16.9	71.1
Brandon Clifton.....	WAB	SO	10	35	687	4	19.6	68.7
Josh Jirgens.....	DEN	SR	10	40	577	9	14.4	57.7
Ryan Short.....	WAB	SR	10	56	576	16	10.3	57.6
Jered Glover.....	WIT	FR	10	37	528	4	14.3	52.8
Ryan Hite.....	DEN	SR	9	41	475	4	11.6	52.8
Jon Turner.....	ALL	JR	10	38	430	3	11.3	43.0
Brian Senne.....	OBE	JR	9	21	366	4	17.4	40.7
Josh Bronaugh.....	WAB	JR	10	23	400	4	17.4	40.0

PUNTING	Team	Cl	G	Punts	Yds	Avg
Aaron Polack.....	ALL	JR	9	50	1958	39.2
Dan Ries.....	ERL	SO	10	52	1981	38.1
Ryan Drews.....	OBE	SO	7	41	1525	37.2
Ryan Hartschuh.....	WOO	SR	10	47	1730	36.8
Jacob Thomas.....	WIT	SO	10	32	1164	36.4
Mike Shafer.....	HIR	FR	10	78	2794	35.8
Joseph Lourigan.....	OBE	JR	7	12	422	35.2
Neil Smiley.....	OWU	FR	9	47	1648	35.1
Andy Stromwell.....	DEN	JR	10	69	2411	34.9
Rich Goodman.....	WAB	FR	6	31	1074	34.6

ALL PURPOSE	Team	Cl	G	Rush	Rcv	PR	KR	Yds	Avg/G
Tony Sutton.....	WOO	SO	9	1418	110	0	50	1578	175.3
Daniel Grove.....	WIT	SR	7	930	102	0	0	1032	147.4
Calvin Hatfield.....	KEN	SO	10	709	146	13	569	1474	147.4
Chris Morris.....	WAB	JR	9	1135	38	0	0	1173	130.3
Josh Jirgens.....	DEN	SR	10	0	577	0	635	1212	121.2
Jason Osborne.....	OWU	SR	6	570	112	0	0	682	113.7
Josh Bronaugh.....	WAB	JR	10	17	400	231	482	1130	113.0
Travis Oman.....	OBE	SO	10	658	38	0	274	970	97.0
Scott Jones.....	WOO	SR	10	710	78	0	159	947	94.7
Darrian Story.....	ERL	SR	10	734	160	0	0	894	89.4

SCORING	Team	Cl	G	TD	XPT	FG	Pts	Pts/G
Daniel Grove.....	WIT	SR	7	16	2	0	98	14.0
Tony Sutton.....	WOO	SO	9	16	0	0	96	10.7
Ryan Short.....	WAB	SR	10	16	4	0	100	10.0
Chris Morris.....	WAB	JR	9	14	0	0	84	9.3
Darrian Story.....	ERL	SR	10	11	0	0	66	6.6
Jason Stephan.....	WIT	SR	9	9	0	0	54	6.0
Jacob Thomas.....	WIT	SO	10	0	43	5	58	5.8
Richie McNally.....	WOO	SO	10	0	41	5	56	5.6
Mark Server.....	WAB	FR	10	0	34	7	55	5.5
Josh Jirgens.....	DEN	SR	10	9	0	0	54	5.4

SCORING (TDs)	Team	Cl	G	TD	Rush	Pass	Ret	PAT	Pts	Pts/G
Daniel Grove.....	WIT	SR	7	16	16	0	0	1	98	14.0
Tony Sutton.....	WOO	SO	9	16	15	1	0	0	96	10.7
Ryan Short.....	WAB	SR	10	16	0	16	0	2	100	10.0
Chris Morris.....	WAB	JR	9	14	13	1	0	0	84	9.3
Darrian Story.....	ERL	SR	10	11	10	1	0	0	66	6.6
Jason Stephan.....	WIT	SR	9	9	8	0	1	0	54	6.0
Josh Jirgens.....	DEN	SR	10	9	0	9	0	0	54	5.4
Jamie Sye.....	ALL	SO	10	8	6	2	0	0	48	4.8
R. Hampshire.....	WIT	SO	10	8	7	1	0	0	48	4.8
Scott Jones.....	WOO	SR	10	7	7	0	0	0	42	4.2

FIELD GOALS	Team	Cl	G	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG/G
Steve Willever.....	OBE	SO	10	11	14	78.6	1.10
Mark Server.....	WAB	FR	10	7	13	53.8	0.70
Jacob Thomas.....	WIT	SO	10	5	7	71.4	0.50
Richie McNally.....	WOO	SO	10	5	8	62.5	0.50
Ben Woodcock.....	KEN	10	4	7	57.1	0.40	
Aaron Smith.....	ALL	SR	10	3	5	60.0	0.30
Jason Whitcomb.....	OWU	FR	9	2	4	50.0	0.22
Scott Hoffman.....	HIR	FR	10	2	3	66.7	0.20
Mike O'Donnell.....	DEN	SR	9	1	2	50.0	0.11

SCORING (KICK)	Team	Cl	G	PATs	FGs	Pts	Pts/G
Jacob Thomas.....	WIT	SO	10	43-50	5-7	58	5.8
Mark Server.....	WAB	FR	10	34-39	7-13	55	5.5
Richie McNally.....	WOO	SO	10	39-41	5-8	54	5.4
Steve Willever.....	OBE	SO	10	17-21	11-14	50	5.0
Aaron Smith.....	ALL	SR	10	23-29	3-5	32	3.2
Jason Whitcomb.....	OWU	FR					



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**WITTENBERG VOLLEYBALL ADVANCES TO NCAA QUARTERFINALS FOR FIRST TIME;
OHIO WESLEYAN MEN AND WOMEN CONTINUE IN NCAA SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

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CLEVELAND -- Following is a capsule roundup of the NCAC's fall/winter sports action.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

Allegheny's men and three individual runners will compete at the NCAA Division III Championships on Saturday, Nov. 23. The Gators placed third in the Mideast Regional, held at Salisbury State, to earn the region's last team spot. The Gator women also finished third, but missed a spot in the national meet, as only two women's squads go from the Mideast.

At the Great Lakes Regional, held at Ohio Northern, Kenyon seniors **Michael Baird (Temple, TX/Temple)** and **Ben Hildebrand (Fairport, NY/The Harley School)** placed second and seventh, respectively. Each earned at-large berths to the NCAA meet. Wittenberg's **Abi Gerstle (Kettering, OH/Fairmont)** took ninth and is the only woman from the NCAC who qualified for the national meet.

Oberlin led the NCAC squads at the Great Lakes Regional with a third-place finish in the women's meet, followed by Denison in fifth, Kenyon, sixth and Wooster in 10th. On the men's side, Kenyon was the only team in the top 10 in fourth place.

FIELD HOCKEY REPORT

Wittenberg, winner of the 2002 NCAC regular season and tournament titles, was defeated 3-0 by Williams in the first round of the NCAA Division III Field Hockey tournament last week at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa.

Williams, champion of the Northeast Athletic Conference and the 14th ranked team in the country coming into the tournament, advanced to the regional championship game against the No. 2 ranked host team, Messiah. Wittenberg, ranked 13th by the American Field Hockey Coaches Association, finishes its season at 17-4 overall.

MEN'S SOCCER REPORT

North Coast champion Ohio Wesleyan (18-3-1) advanced to face Otterbein (18-3-1) in the regional championship game at 6 p.m. this evening. In the semifinals, the Bishops defeated Pitt-Greensburg, 1-0, while the Cardinals defeated previously-undefeated Carnegie Mellon, 1-0 in overtime. The winner of today's match will move forward to the National Quarterfinals and will face Wheaton (17-3-2).

Senior back **Chris Vorenkamp (Brutus, MI/Petoskey)** converted a first-half penalty kick to lift Ohio Wesleyan over Pitt-Greensburg in their regional semifinal. Playing the first half with a stiff wind at their backs, the Bishops had nearly taken the lead twice on restarts prior to Vorenkamp's goal. Vorenkamp came close to adding to the Bishop lead early in the second half, twice forcing the Bobcat keeper to make saves.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT

Defending NCAA Division III Champion Ohio Wesleyan (20-0) advanced to face host Wilmington (16-5-0) in the regional championship game at 5 p.m. this evening. In the semifinals, the Bishops defeated Westminster, 3-0, while the Quakers defeated Albion, 2-1, to set up a rematch of the 2000 regional championship game, won by Ohio Wesleyan. The winner of today's match will move forward to the National Quarterfinals and will face either Wisconsin-Stevens Point (18-0-2) or St. Thomas (Minn.) (12-3-3) on Saturday, Nov. 23.

Ohio Wesleyan freshman forward **Alicia Grambeau (Harbor Springs, MI/Harbor Springs)** scored one goal and set up two others to lead the Bishops past Westminster in their regional semifinal contest. The Bishops jumped to a 1-0 lead midway through the first half when senior midfielder **Jamie Jenkins (Beavercreek, OH/Carroll)** scored off a Grambeau assist. Ten minutes later, Grambeau scored to hike the Ohio Wesleyan lead to 2-0. Sophomore defender **Toni Frissora (Columbus, OH/Westerville South)** was credited with an assist on the play. Grambeau set up senior midfielder **Lindsey Bland (Columbus, OH/Hillard Darby)** to wrap up the scoring with 12:51 left in regulation time.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING REPORT

Denison’s men competed against Calvin, Hope and Kalamazoo on Friday at Eastern Michigan and swept all three meets. They then returned home to defeat Case Western Reserve, 164-121, on Saturday. The Big Red women also defeated all four opponents. **Chrissy Havach (Cleveland Hts., OH/Beaumont)** finished first in the 100-yard backstroke, the 100-yard freestyle and was part of the winning 200-yard medley relay team against CWRU. In the four-way meet, she was part of two winning relay teams – the 400 medley and the 400 free.

Hiram’s men improved to 4-0 in dual meets with victories over Baldwin-Wallace and Alma. Junior **Jason Groselle (Hiram, OH/Crestwood)** won the 50 (22.57) and 100 (51.02) freestyles. Sophomore **Zach Huggins (Ashtabula, OH/St. John & St. Paul)** won the 100 backstroke (56.16) and 200 free (1:49.99). The women’s squad lost to B-W and Alma as well as Marshall. Freshman **Beth Groselle (Hiram, OH/Crestwood)** had an impressive collegiate debut after just one week of practice. She won three events and set school marks in all three. Groselle took the 50 free (24.59), 100 butterfly (1:00.73) and 100 breaststroke (1:08.43), and met the national qualifying “B” cut in the 50 free and 100 breast.

Kenyon’s Lords and Ladies defeated Toledo in a dual meet last week. **Andrejs Duda (Jelgava, Latvia/Jelgava No. 4)** and **Daniel Kiepfer (Constantia, South Africa/Diocesan)** were both double winners for the Lords. Duda placed first in the 200 individual medley (1:55.58) and the 100 fly (50.61), while Kiepfer took the 100 (59.91) and 200 (2:07.34) breaststrokes. The 200 medley relay set a pool record (1:32.99). Leading the Ladies were **Betsy Garratt (Redford, VA/Radford)**, **Beth Galloway (Orchard Park, NY/Orchard Park)** and **Agnese Ozolina (Jelgava, Latvia/Jelgava Secondary)**. Garrett set a pool record as she won the 100 breast (1:06.78). Galloway and Ozolina were both double winners, Galloway taking the 100 backstroke (58.45) and 50 free (24.05) and Ozolina the 100 (53.03) and 200 (1:55.08) freestyles.

Wittenberg defeated Oberlin, 121-84 in a men’s meet, 128-85 in the women’s. Wabash knocked off the Tiger men, 122-112 Friday night. It was the Little Giants’ first-ever dual meet against an NCAC squad. Wabash won seven of 13 events, led by senior **Nick Collins (Michigantown, IN/Clinton Central)**, who touched first in the 1000 freestyle (10:38.31) and 500 freestyle (5:10.87). Junior **Demitrius Cook (Woodbridge, VA/C.D. Hylton Senior)** swept both diving events for Wabash, which is 3-0 this season.

Wooster defeated John Carroll last week in both men’s and women’s competition. The men (2-1) won 138-93, and the women (3-0) took a 134-103 decision.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT

After a perfect sweep through the Great Lakes Regional, Wittenberg (34-7) has advanced to the NCAA Division III quarterfinals for the first time in school history. The Tigers will face Wisconsin-Whitewater (32-4), the winner of the Midwest Regional, at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23.

For the North Coast champion Wittenberg, the fourth time was the charm. After three previous trips to the Great Lakes Regional championship match (1995, 1997 and 2000), the Tigers finally broke through last week by defeating Mount St. Joseph, 3-0, and ending a run of two straight regional titles for the Lions.

Wittenberg picked up the big points at the big moments, especially when sophomore outside hitter **Monica McDonald (Newark, OH/Newark Catholic)** was on serve. In the decisive third game, McDonald's jump serve wreaked havoc as the Tigers went on three different three-point runs at key moments. The Tigers, the No. 1 seed and third-ranked team in the nation in the latest AVCA poll, got 21 kills from McDonald. They also picked up 52 assists from sophomore setter **Sarah Yuskewich (Columbus, OH/Watterson)**, as well as four digs, three block assists and a crucial solo block during the last of the aforementioned three-point runs in the third game. In addition, senior outside hitter **Teresa Murphy (Blacklick, OH/Newark Catholic)** had 11 kills and a game-high 25 digs.